

I extend my deepest congratulations to Virginia Larson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
JACKIE JENKINS

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2012*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize Jackie Jenkins of Westminster, California, who was recently selected as one of the California School Employees Association's (CSEA) top five Members of the Year. She will receive the award at the 86th Annual CSEA conference later this year.

Mrs. Jenkins has served the Westminster School District for over 25 years as a parent, through the PTA, in many classified positions, and currently as the School Office Manager at the largest elementary school in the district.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Jenkins has exemplified professional service to parents, students, and staff. Not only does she expertly manage the school's office, but she is a mentor to others and her high standards of service are an example for other classified employees in the school district.

Mrs. Jenkins also consistently brings out the best in each and every student. She listens to them read, encourages to them to be better classmates, and even helps students carefully place their first lost tooth in a special container. It's clear to everyone she encounters that Mrs. Jenkins is a sensitive and caring confidant to all.

In addition to being a consummate office manager, Mrs. Jenkins serves as the CSEA President. In this role, she has motivated others to serve in CSEA and built the capacity of the organization so it can continue to ensure the success of every student in the school district.

According to her school principal, Linda Reed, and her many supportive colleagues at the Westminster School District, Mrs. Jenkins is a positive person that has a great sense of humor, and always encourages everyone to be the best they can be.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Mrs. Jenkins on this award and thank her for her humble service and dedication to ensuring that our children receive a rich and rewarding education.

HONORING THE MORRIS COUNTY  
LIBRARY ON THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2012*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Morris County Library located in the Township of Whippany, Morris County, New Jersey who are celebrating their 90th anniversary.

The staff of the Morris County Library (MCL), through their dedicated hard work, has made the library a vibrant source of pride and activity for the local community. Following the passage of a bill in 1921 by the New Jersey Legislature to establish county libraries, the Morris County Library was formed in 1921 by a public vote. With over 10,000 books catalogued and a new book car to help their books reach the public, the library opened its doors in Morristown in 1922 to serve Morris County.

The MCL continued to grow in its early years and by 1927 established a children's book section, which by the end of the year, saw every book in circulation checked out. The MCL also opened its resources to the local community with donations of books to the State Hospital at Morris Plains, Civilian Conservation Corps and the Morris County Jail. The MCL played a significant role in our nation's defense during World War II by becoming a federal depository for government publications, as well as boasting a large collection of books on U.S. defense.

The MCL grew with the times, instituting an automated book catalog and circulation system in 1970 and a completely computerized catalog in 1987. This growth meant that a new building was required to contain the resources and accommodate the future growth of this Morris County institution. An architectural plan for a new library was unveiled in 1991 and by 2001 the new Morris County Library building in Whippany was dedicated. The new library contained group study rooms and public meeting rooms which instantly received high demand from the public. Their computer rooms also were capable of hosting training courses on a wide variety of subjects.

Today, the Morris County Library serves 487,000 people with their collection of over 247,000 books and sees 521,000 borrows per year. In 2011 alone, their reference desk answered 63,815 questions, several for my office! The meeting rooms of the library have also seen significant use hosting thousands of meetings a year. The MCL continues to partner with community organizations such as the AARP, Carol G. Simon Cancer Center and the U.S. Veteran's Administration. The MCL has seen a number of awards during its history, including the NJ Library Association Swartzburg Preservation Award and Librarian of the Year from the New York Times.

The significant resources held in the library and these community partnerships would not be possible if not for the commitment shown by the staff of the Library. Their work on behalf of literacy and their community has made the Morris County Library a vital institution in Morris County and New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the staff of the Morris County Library as they celebrate their 90th anniversary.

HEALTH CARE COST REDUCTION  
ACT OF 2012

**HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2012*

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the value of the medical device industry in my State and our nation as a whole.

This industry is working on some of the most exciting and cutting-edge technologies in the entire health care sector and has changed the lives of millions of Americans.

According to estimates, the medical device industry employs approximately 430,000 nationwide. My State is fortunate to have a vibrant medical device industry with nearly 8,000 individuals directly employed at companies, such as BD and Covidien. These companies also support approximately 12,000 more indirect jobs in my home state. Beyond providing quality, high-paying jobs, these businesses are responsible corporate citizens who are trying to enhance the communities where they are located and the people who live there. For example, employees at BD's plant in Canaan, Connecticut—which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary—have served as mentors to the Housatonic Valley Regional High School and have contributed generously to the United Way and other local charities. In line with a growing body of evidence on the positive impact bariatric surgery can have on diabetics, Covidien has worked with American Diabetes Association to fund new research on this potentially life-changing procedure.

Unfortunately, when the House recently considered the Health Care Cost Reduction Act of 2012 (H.R. 436), the majority included an offset that, according to the Joint Committee on Taxation, would result in 350,000 fewer Americans receiving health care coverage. As part of the Affordable Care Act, the Federal Government is set to provide millions of Americans with premium tax credits for the purchase of health insurance. This will not only increase rates of coverage but will also lead to lower overall health costs since more people are insured. The offset that was included in H.R. 436, known as the "true-up" provision, would have subjected these individuals to large repayment amounts if for some reason their income levels increased from the time that they were actually receiving coverage to the time they filed their taxes the following year. This could come as a result of the individual or spouse starting a new job or returning to work after school. While I could not support this legislation, I understand the need to reduce the medical device industry's burden in paying for health care reform.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that we can all agree that to maintain our position as the world leader in biotechnology, the United States needs to foster innovation and growth within our health care industries. I am proud that I represent a number of those companies and hope that we will find bipartisan solutions to create an environment where they will continue to succeed and develop new breakthrough therapies.

IN TRIBUTE TO DR. DONALD  
ZIMRING

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2012*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Dr. Donald Zimring, who is retiring from the Las Virgenes Unified School District in Calabasas, California, to become head of